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# PROVIA

Programme of **R**esearch **O**n Climate Change  
**V**ulnerability, **I**mpacts and **A**daptation

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## PROVIA Structure and Goals

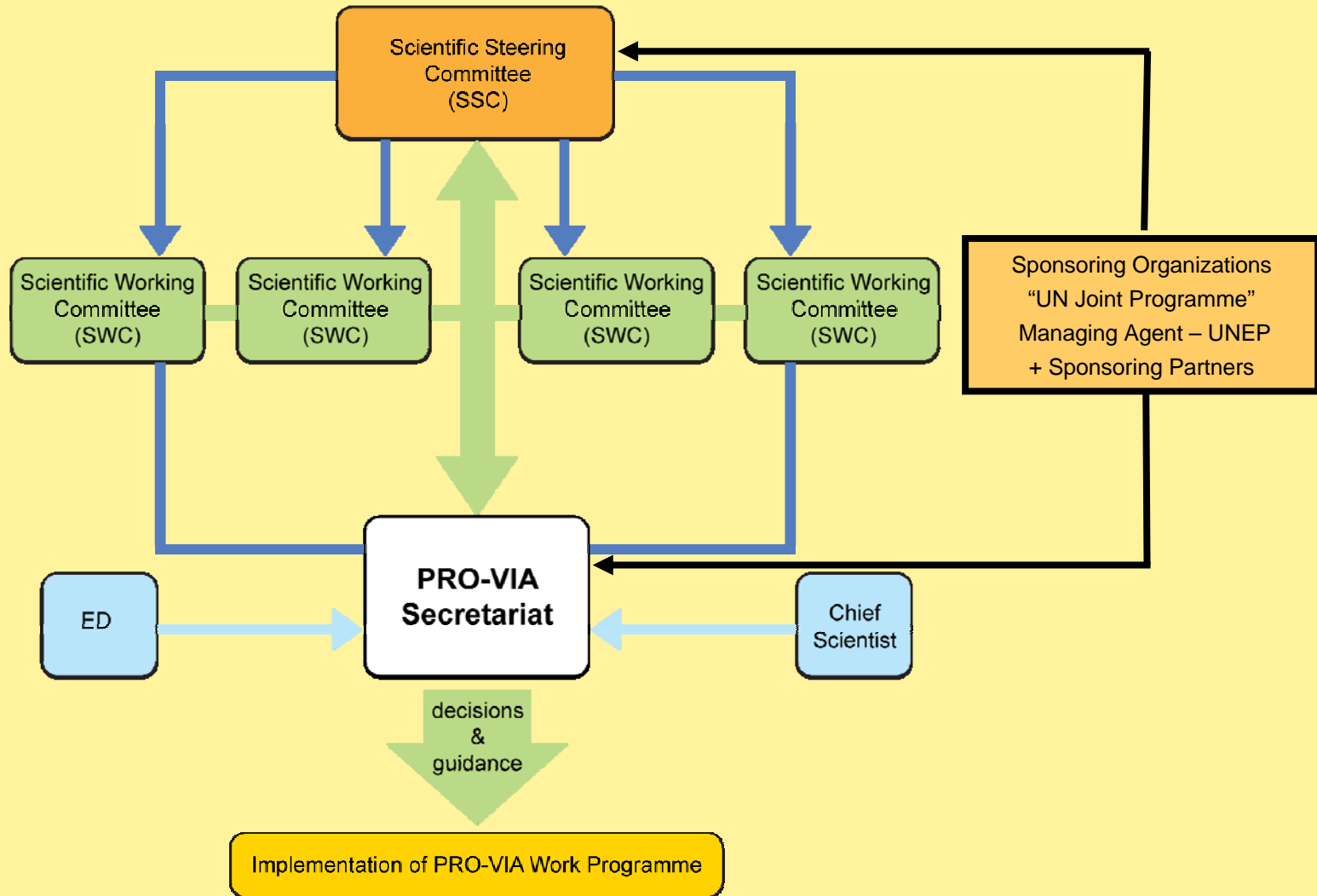
- 1. A single research programme focused on impacts and response to climate change**
- 2. Parent organizations are UN 'Joint Programme' of UNEP with WMO and UNESCO; Secretariat at UNEP; counterpart to WCRP**
- 3. To deliver high-quality information on VIA topics being increasingly requested by policy-makers**
- 4. To react to policy requests with due urgency and specificity**
- 5. Prioritise research and communicate priorities to governments and international agencies, and thus help make VIA research funding more effective and decision-relevant**



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# PROVIA Initial Workplan

1. **Develop a prioritised international agenda for research on VIA, in consultation with both researchers and decision-makers; and communicate research agenda to governments and international agencies**
2. **Provide scientific information on VIA to the UNFCCC and similar bodies, especially information that will enable more effective adaptation**
3. **A biennial conference (+ other actions) to improve the coherence of VIA research**
4. **Improve the robustness of VIA assessments, by revising guidance on research methods**



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## Activity 1 First Step: Research Gap Analysis

- **Aim**: To explore key VIA research gaps that, if closed, will yield substantial improvements in decision-making from a science-for-policy perspective
- **Examples of ‘pressing policy-relevant questions’**:
  - What adaptation will be needed up to c. 2030 to cope with impacts already in climate ‘pipeline’
  - Where is vulnerability greatest, and how can it be reduced?
  - What are likely climate impacts after c. 2030 not avoided by mitigation?
  - How can adaptive capacity be developed to cope with these impacts?



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## **ACTIVITY 2: Provide Scientific Information on VIA to UNFCCC and Similar Bodies**

- **Aim**: Establish a formalised means of communicating scientific adaptation knowledge to the UNFCCC (including knowledge on vulnerability and impacts where relevant)
- **Potential Pathways**
  - Participate in SBSTA Research Dialogues
  - Develop partnership in Nairobi Work Programme
  - Explore involvement in the Adaptation Committee
  - Provide input to the Programme on Loss and Damage
  - Contribute to National Adaptation Plans
  - Build links with AWG-LCA, in particular the Shared Vision and Review of the Adequacy of the Long Term Global Goal



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## Summing Up: PROVIA

- **To provide international coordination of research on vulnerability, impacts, and adaptation to climate change**
- **To prioritize research and help access research funds for VIA**
- **To communicate new knowledge about adaptation to governments and agencies**



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